Pay Commission contained in para 11.71 of Part I of the Report an Inter-Departmental Committee was constituted for Government Press Workers;

(b) if so, what was the composition and what were the terms of reference of the Committee;

(c) whether the Inter-Departmental Committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, whether Government have accepted the said Report in toto; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) what are the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(f) by when the report is likely to be published by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee consisted of a Chairman, three Members and a Member-Secretary. The terms of reference of the Committee were—(i) to consider re-classification and remuneration of various jobs in the Presses under different Ministries broadly in accordance with the scheme proposed by the Fourth Central Pay Commission; and (ii) to take into consideration all relevant aspects of the matter including promotion channels and other related matters so that there may be uniformity in the classification and pay scales of printing staff working under different Ministries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) The recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Committee are under consideration of the Government and decision thereon will be taken soon.

Loss suffered by State Bank of Indore due to cheating and frauds

1944. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loss suffered by the State Bank of Indore so far on account of cheating and fraud during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 31st March, 1989;

(b) whether in some cases the bank staff/officers were also found involved;

(c) if so, the details thereof in respect of each branch; and

(d) the action taken against the erring staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d). Reserve Bank of India has intimated that during the years 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 (upto March, 1989) State Bank of Indore had reported to it 76 cases of frauds (which, inter-alia include cases of cheating), involving Rs. 210.77 lakhs perpetrated on its various branches in the country. RBI has further reported that the amount involved in the cases of frauds do not necessarily represent the actual losses which the bank may have to ultimately suffer. The banks generally have some securities ot cover advances made by them. Banks also file civil and criminal suits and seek appropriate relief. Besides, banks fake insurance cover. RBI has also intimated that in connection with these cases of frauds, State Bank of Indore has awarded major/minor penalties to 8 erring employees.

जमाराशि प्राप्त करने के लिए स्टेट बैंक तथा उसके सहयोगी बैंकों द्वारा कमीशन इत्यादि की पेशकश

1945. **श्री अशोक नाथ वर्मा:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय स्टेट बैंक तथा उसके सहयोगी बैंक नई दिल्ली में सरकारी निकायों/विभागों की जमा राशि प्राप्त करने के लिए कमीशन देने की पेशकश कर रहे हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर अपने वार्षिक जमा लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने के लिए सरकारी विभागों/निकायों से अल्प अवधि के लिए भारी जमाराशि इकट्ठा कर रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फलेरियो) : (क) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के निदेश के अनुसार सरकारी निकायों/विभागों सहित किसी भी स्रोत से जमाराशियां प्राप्त करने के लिए जमाराशियों पर किसी व्यक्ति, फर्म, कंपनी, संघ, संस्था आदि को किसी भी तरह की दलाली/कमीशन देने के लिए बकों को वर्जित किया गया है। भारतीय स्टेट बैंक और इसके अनुषंगी बैंकों द्वारा इस निर्देश का उल्लंघन करने का कोई मामला सरकार या रिजर्व बैंक की जानकारी में नहीं आया है ।

(ख) और (ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर द्वारा जमाराशियों की हेरा-फेरी से बढ़ा-चढ़ा कर दिखाने का कोई प्रमाण उसकी जानकारी में नहीं आया है । फिर भी भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के निर्देशों के उल्लंघन के बारे में जब कभी कोई मामला सरकार या भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की जानकारी में आता है तो भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा उचित कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

India's external vis-a-vis, internal debt position

1946. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp increase in India's internal debt;

(b) what is the position of internal debt *vis-a-vis* external debt as at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that the size of the outstanding debt at the end of 1988 was around Rs. 76,000 crore; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the internal banking authorities have estimated that India's external debt would in the near future increase to the tune of Rs. 90,000 crore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The internal debt outstanding at the end of 1987-88 and 1988-89 is estimated to be Rs. 172338 crores and Rs. 203002 crores respectively.

(d) The internal and external debt outstanding as at the end of 1988-89 is estimated to be Rs. 203002 crores and Rs. 68831 crores respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) International assessments differ and are generally not comparable to official estimates due to variations in coverage, timing and valuation.

Grant of foreign exchange to the Editor of Nai Dunia

1947. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange had been given to Shri Abhay Chhajalani, Editor of Hindi newspaper Nai Dunia published from Indore when he went on foreign tours along with Prime Minister; and

(b) whether permission was granted by the Reserve Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):